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LETTER REGARDING CO-PENDING APPLICATIONS

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Sir:

Under the provisions of MPEP § 2001.06(b), the Examiner is hereby advised of the following co-pending U.S. Applications:

<u>Appl. No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Group Art Unit</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Docket No.</u>
10/592,182	04/04/2007 – 371 filing	3657	Honda Motor Co., Ltd.	OCB-236-A
10/592,618	03/23.2007- 371 filing	3657	Honda Motor Co., Ltd.	OCB-237-A
10/592,617	05/18/2007 – 371 filing	3683	Honda Motor Co., Ltd.	OCB-238-A
Now Patent No. 7,458,445 issued 12/02/2008				
10/593,190	04/19/2007 – 371 filing	3657	Honda Motor Co., Ltd.	OCB-239-A
11/241,730	09/30/2005	3657	Honda Motor Co., Ltd.	NGB-129-A



The subject matter contained in the above line-listed co-pending U.S. applications may be deemed to relate to the present application, and thus may be material to the prosecution of this instant application.



Copies of the cited U.S. patent application(s) (specification, claims, and the drawings) are available on the USPTO's Image File Wrapper. Therefore copies thereof need not be attached.

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